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THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

ANNCR: NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN EXAMINES THE OUTCOME OF THE JUST-CONCLUDED NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA.

VOICE: IF ANY CONCLUSIONS ARE TO BE DRAWN FROM THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ABOUT HALF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, IT IS THAT REALISM APPEARS TO HAVE INFLUENCED THE COLOMBO MEETING MORE THAN PREVIOUS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES. FOR THE POLITICS OF NON-ALIGNMENT TOOK A BACK SEAT TO ECONOMIC REALITIES.

THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN IS NOT ALL SURPRISING. FOR, AS THE FINAL ECONOMIC DECLARATION OF COLOMBO NOTES, THE PLIGHT OF MOST OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS REQUIRES NEW ARRANGEMENTS IN THE SHARING OF THIS WORLD'S WEALTH.

THAT IS NOT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF THE FAVORITE POLITICAL RHETORICAL PYROTECHNICS AT SUCH MEETINGS WERE ABSENT FROM THIS ONE. A POLITICAL DECLARATION WENT OVER THE OLD GROUND OF CONDEMNING COLONIALISM, AMERICA'S CONTINUED TROOP PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA, THE WHITE MINORITIES' RACIAL POLICIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, DENOUNCING ISRAEL, AND PRAISING COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA AND CUBA'S MILITARY ADVENTURISM IN AFRICA. BUT THE TONE OF THE CONDEMNATIONS WAS MILDER, REFLECTING THE INFLUENCE OF MODERATE ELEMENTS AT THE MEETING.

(OPT) ONE OF THE TOUGHER STATEMENTS IN THE POLITICAL DECLARATION CALLS FOR AN OIL BOYCOTT OF FRANCE AND ISRAEL FOR PROVIDING ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. FRANCE TOOK THAT CALL IN STRIDE FRIDAY WHEN ITS FOREIGN MINISTER CALMLY POINTED

OUT THAT FRANCE HAS CONCLUDED ITS ARMS TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND THAT IT HAS VOTED ALL ALONG WITH MAJORITES IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER BODIES CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICIES.(END OPT)

THE ECONOMIC DECLARATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE POINT UP THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LATEST NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. THE DECLARATION TAKES NOTE OF WHAT IT CALLS "THE WIDENING GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," AND CALLS IT "ONE OF THE MOST THREATENING SOURCES OF CONFLICTS AND TENSIONS." THE ECONOMIC DECLARATION CALLS FOR SELF-RELIANCE AND SUPPORTS GREATER CONTROL BY THE DEVELOPING WORLD OVER ITS RAW MATERIALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND A RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS UNDER A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

SUCH DEMANDS, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN HEARD OFTEN IN RECENT YEARS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WHICH HAVE BEEN PART OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. WHAT IS WORTHY OF NOTE IN THE COLOMBO ECONOMIC DECLARATION IS THAT IT IS SPECIFIC IN ITS APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD'S PROBLEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DECLARATION CALLS FOR MONETARY REFORMS ON A WORLD SCALE, AND FORMATION BY RAW MATERIAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

ULTIMATELY WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT A NEW SPIRIT OF REALISM IS MAKING ITSELF FELT IN THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD. TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY -- A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS RECOGNIZE THAT CONFRONTATION WITH THE DEVELOPED NATIONS IS STERILE. INDEED, THE COLOMBO MEETING SUGGESTS THEY SEE THE ROAD TO PROGRESS BY THE DEVELOPING WORLD TO LEAD TO NEGOTIATION

WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. AND THAT REALIZATION SHOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE IN FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

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